

Community Supports Waiver Information Sheet

South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

Prior to 1991, the Federal Medicaid program paid for services to SCDDSN individuals only if that person lived in an institution. The approval of Federal Home and Community Based Waiver programs allowed Medicaid to pay for services to individuals in their homes and in their communities. Section 1915(c) of the Federal Social Security Act enables the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to collaborate with the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) to operate a Home and Community-Based Waiver program for people with an intellectual or developmental disability or related disabilities to offer Community Supports Services.

Community Supports Waiver Participation

To participate in the Community Supports Waiver, a person must:

- ✓ be diagnosed with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability or a Related Disability.
- ✓ be eligible to receive Medicaid or already qualify for Medicaid.
- ✓ require the degree of care that would be provided in an ICF/ID; therefore, meet ICF/ID Level of Care criteria.
- ✓ be given the option of receiving services in his/her home and community or in an ICF/ID.
- ✓ have needs that can be met by the Community Supports Waiver.
- ✓ be allocated a Waiver slot.
- ✓ be informed of the alternatives covered by the Community Supports Waiver, choose to receive Community Supports Waiver services, and choose among qualified providers.
- ✓ Maintain services within the individual cost limit.

Community Supports Waiver Termination

Community Supports Waiver Enrollment is terminated when the individual:

- ✓ is admitted to an ICF/ID or nursing facility.
- ✓ no longer meets ICF/ID Level of Care.
- ✓ is no longer eligible for Medicaid as determined by SCDHHS.
- ✓ voluntarily withdraws or no longer wishes to receive services funded by the Community Supports Waiver.
- ✓ does not receive a Community Supports Waiver service for 30 consecutive days.
- ✓ moves out of state.
- ✓ moves to another HCB waiver
- ✓ has exhausted the individual cost limit.

Applying for Community Supports Waiver Services

- Regardless of the applicant's age, contact the Disabilities and Special Needs (DSN) Board in the county in which the applicant lives. This information can be obtained by contacting the SCDDSN Office of Community Education at (803) 898-9743 or www.ddsn.sc.gov
- Inform the local Disabilities and Special Needs Board that you wish to apply for the Community Supports Waiver. Your selected, qualified service coordination provider will be responsible for working with you to gather the information to complete the application.
- You will receive written response from SCDDSN regarding your Community Supports Waiver application.

Applying for DDSN Services

- For individuals 0-3, application must be made through Babynet. Contact information can be obtained by calling the Babynet Care Line 1-800-868-0404. Babynet eligibility/services does not have to be obtained in order to apply for the Community Supports Waiver.
- For individuals 3 and older, contact the University of South Carolina, Center for Disability Resources at 1-800-289-7012. This information can be obtained by contacting the SCDDSN Office of Community Education at (803) 898-9743 or at www.ddsn.sc.gov
- If you are screened appropriate for consideration of eligibility, you will choose a Service Coordination/Early Intervention provider who assist you with completing the eligibility process. An applicant found ineligible for DDSN services will be notified in writing, including reason(s) for denial. This notification will provide information on how to appeal denial of eligibility.

Your Annual Plan

An annual plan of services and supports **must** be completed once every 364 days. If your new plan is not completed by the 364th day, Medicaid cannot pay for services that were provided to you. Please work with your Service Coordinator or Early Interventionist to make sure that your plan is completed at least once every year.

Community Supports Waiver services are provided based on identified needs of the individual and the appropriateness of the service to meet the need. The services listed below may be limited due to provider availability. A list of enrolled and qualified providers of Community Supports Waiver services can be located at the SCDDSN website (www.ddsn.sc.gov) or by contacting the local Disabilities and Special Needs Board in the county in which the individual lives.

- **Adult Day Health Care Services:** care furnished to someone 18 or older, 4 or more hours per day for one or more days per week, in an outpatient setting, encompassing both health and social services.
- **Adult Day Health Care-Nursing Services:** provided in ADHC center; limited to ostomy care, urinary catheter care, decubitus/ wound care, tracheostomy care, tube feedings and nebulizer treatment.
- **Adult Day Health Care-Transportation:** This service is prior-authorized for individuals receiving the Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) service, who reside within 15 miles of the ADHC center.
- **Behavior Support Services:** services to assist people who exhibit problem behaviors learn why the behavior occurs and to teach new appropriate behaviors which are effective and improve their quality of life.
- **Day Activity:** Supports and services provided in therapeutic settings to enable individuals to achieve, maintain, improve, or decelerate the loss of personal care, social or adaptive skills.
- **Career Preparation:** Services aimed at preparing individuals for paid and unpaid employment and careers through exposure to and experience careers and through teaching such concepts as compliance, attendance, task completion, problem solving, safety, self determination, and self-advocacy.
- **Community Services:** Services aimed at developing one's awareness of, interaction with and/or participation in their community through exposure to and experience in the community and through teaching such concepts as self-determination, self-advocacy, socialization and the accrual of social capital.
- **Employment Services:** Employment services consist of intensive, on-going supports that enable individuals for whom competitive employment at or above minimum wage is unlikely absent the provision of supports and who, because of their disabilities, need supports to perform in a regular work setting.
- **Support Center Services:** Non-medical care, supervision and assistance provided in a non-institutional, group setting outside of the individual's home to people who because of their disability are unable to care for and supervise themselves.
- **In-Home Support:** Care, supervision, teaching and/or assistance provided directly to or in support of the individual and provided in the individual's home, family home, the home of others, and/or in community settings. This service is self-directed.
- **Environmental Modification:** physical adaptations to the individual's home which are necessary to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the individual (e.g. installation of ramps and grab-bars, widening of doorways, modification of bathroom facilities, etc.)
- **Personal Care Services (I and II):** assistance with personal care and activities of daily living for individuals 21 or older. Personal Care Services are available through the Medicaid State Plan for those under 21.
- **Private Vehicle Modification:** modifications to a privately owned vehicle used to transport the individual (e.g. installation of a lift, tie downs, lowering the floor of the vehicle, raising the roof, etc.).
- **Psychological Services:** services focused on assessment of needs and counseling/therapy designed to address cognitive and/or affective skills.
- **Respite Services:** care provided on a short-term basis because of the absence or need for relief of those persons normally providing the care.
- **Specialized Medical Supplies, Equipment, Assistive Technology and Appliances:** devices, controls, appliances, items necessary for life support, ancillary supplies, equipment, and durable and non-durable equipment not available under the Medicaid State Plan that provides medical or remedial benefit to the individual.